



2020 Electoral College

Checklist for State Officials and Points of Contact

The Constitution of the United States and Federal law place certain Presidential election responsibilities on State executives and the electors for President and Vice President.

The term "Governor" includes the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the term "State" includes the District of Columbia.

Before the General Election

Make sure that you are in communication with OFR. If you have not completed the following steps, please contact OFR.

- ☐ Did your Governor receive a letter from the Archivist?
- ☐ Have you given OFR your contact information?
- ☐ Have you given OFR contact information for others in your State involved in the Electoral College process?
- ☐ Did you [sign up](#) to receive important email announcements and reminders from OFR?
- ☐ Do you have OFR's contact and mailing information?

After the General Election

- ☐ [Prepare](#) the Certificates of Ascertainment – either SEVEN (7) originals and TWO (2) certified copies OR NINE (9) originals are required. Check:
 - ☐ Do they contain the Governor's original signature? (They cannot contain stamped or auto-pen signatures.)
 - ☐ Are they dated? (They must contain the date the Governor signed them.)
 - ☐ Do they contain the State seal?
 - ☐ Have you proofread the Certificates for typos?
- ☐ [Send](#) the Certificates to the Archivist BEFORE the meeting of the electors.
Confirm:

- ☐ Did you include ONE (1) original and TWO (2) certified copies (if SEVEN (7) originals were prepared) OR
- ☐ THREE (3) originals (if NINE (9) originals were prepared)
- ☐ **Retain** the other SIX (6) original Certificates of Ascertainment for the meeting of the electors.

For the Meeting of the Electors

- ☐ **Prepare** the Certificates of Vote – SIX (6) originals are required. Each of the SIX (6) original Certificates **MUST** meet the following requirements:
 - ☐ Contain two (2) distinct lists, one for President and one for Vice President that:
 - ☐ List all persons who received electoral votes for President and the number of electors who voted for each person.
 - ☐ List all persons who received votes for Vice President and the number of electors who voted for each person.
- ☐ Check:
 - ☐ Are the names of the electors typed below their signature lines?
 - ☐ Are the Certificates dated?
 - ☐ Have you included original (or certified copies of) documentation regarding replacement electors (if needed) to pair with each original Certificate?
 - ☐ Have you proofread the Certificates and any additional documentation for typos?

After the Electors Vote

- ☐ Prepare the packages of Certificates. Check:
 - ☐ Did you **pair** the remaining SIX (6) original Certificates of Ascertainment and the SIX (6) original Certificates of Vote?
 - ☐ Did you add all necessary documentation with regard to replacement electors, if needed?
 - ☐ Did the electors seal and certify each of the SIX (6) pairs of Certificates?

After the Meeting of the Electors

- ☐ **Send** the packages as soon as possible following the meeting of the electors. Did you send:
 - ☐ ONE (1) pair to the President of the Senate?
 - ☐ TWO (2) pairs to the Archivist of the United States? (Contact OFR Legal for the best delivery address when using a commercial carrier.)
 - ☐ TWO (2) pairs to your State's Secretary of State?
 - ☐ ONE (1) pair to the Chief Judge of the Federal District Court located where your electors met?
- ☐ Retain any tracking numbers.

OFR Contact Information

Request permission to sign up for OFR's email list by sending an email to election.officials+subscribe@nara.gov from your official government email account.